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required records may consist of documents created in the ordinary course of business, rather than documents created expressly to meet the requirements of this part, provided that those documents:

- (a) Contain all of the relevant information required under this part;
- (b) Are consistent with the general standards of clarity and accuracy; and
- (c) Can be readily understood by TTB personnel.

(26 U.S.C. 5207)

§ 19.573 Location of required records.

A proprietor may keep the records required by this part at the distilled spirits plant where operations or transactions occur or at a central record-keeping location maintained by the proprietor. If a proprietor keeps the required records at any location other than the distilled spirits plant where operations or transactions occur, the proprietor must provide a letterhead notice to the Director, National Revenue Center, of the location where the records are kept.

(26 U.S.C. 5207)

§ 19.574 Availability of records.

The records required by this part must be available for inspection by the appropriate TTB officer during normal business hours. If a proprietor keeps the records at a location other than the distilled spirits plant where operations or transactions occur, the proprietor upon request must make them available at the distilled spirits plant premises undergoing a TTB audit or inspection. The records must be produced within two days of the request except that data accumulated on cards, tapes, discs, or other accepted record media must be retrievable within five business days. Applicable data processing programs must be made available for examination if requested by any authorized TTB officer.

(26 U.S.C. 5207)

§ 19.575 Retention of records.

A proprietor must retain any records required by this part for a period of not less than three years from the date of the record or the date of the last entry required to be made, whichever is later.

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However, the appropriate TTB officer may require a proprietor to keep records for an additional period not exceeding three years in any case where such retention is deemed appropriate for the protection of the revenue.

(26 U.S.C. 5207)

§ 19.576 Preservation of records.

A proprietor must maintain required records in a manner that will ensure their readability and availability for inspection. Whenever the condition of any record will render it unsuitable for its intended or continued use, the proprietor must create an accurate and legible reproduction of the original record. TTB will treat the reproduced record as an original record, and all of the provisions of law that would apply to the original record also will apply to the reproduced record.

(26 U.S.C. 5207, 5555)

§ 19.577 Documents that are not records.

The term “records” as used in this subpart does not include qualifying documents required under subpart D of this part, or bonds required under subpart F of this part. Approved active formulas, plant registrations and similar records are permanent in nature and must be maintained in a permanent file.

(26 U.S.C. 5207)

§ 19.578 Financial records and books of account.

See § 70.22 of this chapter for information regarding TTB examination of financial records and books of account.

(26 U.S.C. 7602)

§ 19.580 Time for making entries in records.

(a) *Daily record entries.* A proprietor must make entries required by this part in records on a daily basis for each transaction or operation and not later than the close of the next business day after the transaction or operation occurred. However, if a proprietor prepares supplemental or auxiliary records when an operation or transaction occurs and those records contain all of the required information,